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REMARKS

An interference previously was declared between certain claims of the pending application and the claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,733,186.

On January 28, 2005, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences issued a Judgment in which it was ordered that the applicant of the pending application is not entitled to claims 1-9, 11-15, 18-20, 22-24 and 36-38, which correspond to the interference count. Those claims have been canceled.

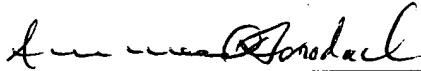
Claims 10, 21 and 46-55 stand allowed (*see* Office action of April 8, 2003). A clarifying amendment has been made with respect to claim 50.

The application should now be in condition for allowance, and applicant respectfully requests such favorable action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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